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RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY LAST WEEKEND'S STORM SHOULD PREPARE FOR MORE BAD WEATHER

PEARL – Mississippi Emergency Management Director Mike Womack cautions residents affected by last weekend's storms to be weather aware as the threat of another round of severe weather may impact the state.

Forecasters with the National Weather Service say strong to severe storms could begin Friday afternoon and continue through Sunday. These storms will bring the threat of severe thunderstorms, damaging wind, frequent lightning, large hail, tornadoes and heavy rainfall.

“Residents who may still be staying in their damaged homes or have had to relocate to a tent or sub-standard structure due to Saturday's tornado damage should make arrangements to stay in a shelter or with friends,” said Womack. “We don't want to alarm people, but making plans before the storms threaten will ensure our residents are safe.”

The American Red Cross is prepared to open shelters if needed. If you need shelter call your local emergency management office. A list of numbers may be found on our website at www.msema.org. Click on “Local EMA” at the top of the page.

Forecasters say the Mississippi Delta area will see the greatest risk of severe weather and flooding.

All Mississippi residents are encouraged to have a reliable means of receiving severe weather warnings such as a NOAA weather radio with a battery backup or stay tuned to your local media.

For more information, contact the State Emergency Joint Information Center at 866-920-MEMA (6362), or visit us online at www.msema.org. You can also follow us on Twitter and Facebook using the keyword MSEMA.

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